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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

EX PARTE NOTICE

Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket 10-90; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket 09-51; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket 07-135; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket 05-337; Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket 01-92; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket 96-45; Lifeline and Link-Up, WC Docket 03-109; Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund, WT Docket 10-208.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 8, 2011, Ken Mason (by phone) and Mike Saperstein on behalf of Frontier Communications, Cesar Caballero, Jennie Chandra, and Eric Einhorn on behalf of Windstream Communications, and I on behalf of CenturyLink met with Amy Bender, Joe Cavender, Randy Clarke, Victoria Goldberg, Rebekah Goodheart (by phone), Al Lewis, and Doug Slotten of the Wireline Competition Bureau. We discussed the Connect America Fund (CAF) order adopted by the Commission on October 27, 2011 in the above-captioned dockets. Specifically, we sought to understand the: (1) calculation of and eligible uses for Phase I CAF incremental support taking into account existing build-out commitments; (2) calculation of and application of the adjustment in frozen Phase I CAF support where end-user rates are below a benchmark in price-cap study areas; (3) extent to which the new Eligible Telecommunications Carrier service obligations are linked to the receipt of explicit Universal Service Fund support; (4) application of the new default reciprocal compensation rules for traffic exchanged with Commercial Mobile Radio Service providers and the associated access recovery mechanism; and (5) relationship of collected access revenue to the calculation of eligible recovery through the new Access Recovery Charge and Intercarrier Compensation Charge replacement CAF support.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this notice is being filed in the above-referenced dockets. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S Lanning

cc: Amy Bender, Joe Cavender, Randy Clarke, Victoria Goldberg, Rebekah Goodheart, Al Lewis, and Doug Slotten